

 King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual		
	Chapter 3 Safety and Emergency Procedures		
3.02.024, Transport Emergency Procedure	Approved By:	Director Allen Nance	
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Purpose

To outline the actions to be taken when emergencies occur during vehicle transport operations.

Policy

It is the policy of the department that all staff operate transport vehicles in a safe and judicious manner and that they obey the rules of the road at all times, unless a valid emergency requires otherwise.

References

RCW: 46.61.035
Department Policy: 1.01.004, Department Vehicles
3.02.007, Escape Response Plan
4.03.014, Use of Force

Definitions

Due regard: While performing similar duties and under similar circumstances, a reasonably careful person would act in the same manner.

Emergency Mode: Specific exemption in the state statute refers to an emergency vehicle only when operating in the emergency mode. The Emergency mode utilizes warning lights and siren during a response to a true emergency.

Emergency responding facility: The closest facility, based on distance and available staff.

Emergency situation: Any sudden, unexpected situation that must be dealt with urgently.

Primary Central Control: MRJC Central Control.

Primary Transport Officer: The staff member whose responsibility it is to operate the vehicle.

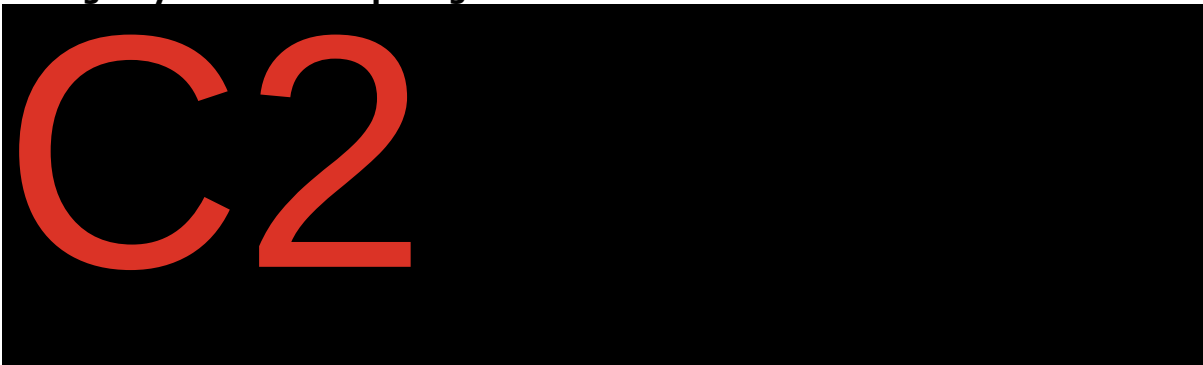
Secondary Transport Officer: A second staff member, if present, whose responsibility it is to perform all duties other than operating the vehicle.

Secure vehicle area: The area within a vehicle where inmates are held during transport.

True Emergency: A situation in which there is a high probability of death or serious injury to an individual(s) or significant property loss and actions by the emergency vehicle driver may reduce the seriousness of the situations.

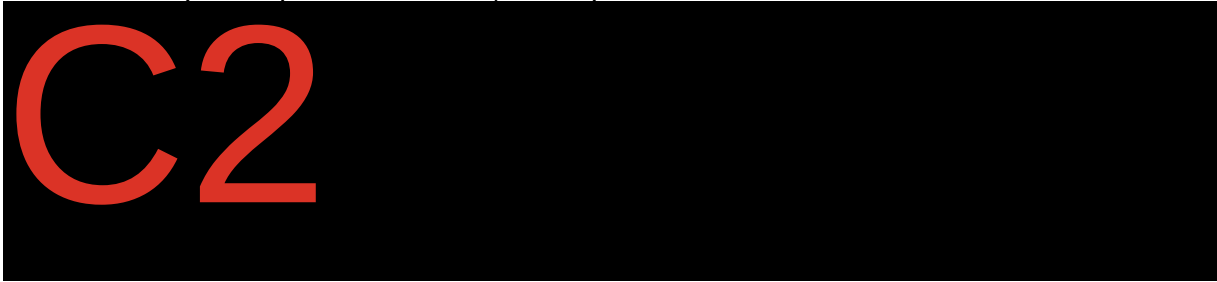
A. General Guidelines

1. Inter-facility transport operations are based out of the MRJC.
2. At the scene of an emergency that is occurring outside of a facility, the senior uniformed staff member present shall assume command until relieved.
3. If there is an escape or attempted escape that has breached the secure vehicle area, the transporting staff's first responsibility shall be C2 [REDACTED]
4. Apprehension of an escapee should be attempted only after C2 [REDACTED]
5. Lights and sirens are used to inform traffic of an emergency vehicle's presence and thus, to aid in clearing a path for the emergency vehicle.
6. Use of signaling equipment doesn't guarantee operator safety, nor freedom from the possibility of civil or criminal liability if a mishap does occur.
7. The vehicle must always be driven at a speed that allows for control. Exceeding the posted speed limit for a vehicle during an emergency response should be avoided.
8. Vehicle pursuits are forbidden.
9. Any time lights and/or sirens are activated in response to a true emergency, an Officer's Report will be completed documenting the circumstances of the activation.
10. Staff entering the secure area of a vehicle shall C2 [REDACTED]
11. If a law enforcement vehicle attempts to stop a department vehicle transporting an inmate(s), the driver shall use their best judgement in determining whether or not to stop. Generally, the first reaction should be to attempt contacting the law enforcement agency or 911 operator to determine the reason for the stop using a radio or cellular phone.

B. Emergency situations requiring a call to 911.**C. Emergency Procedures**

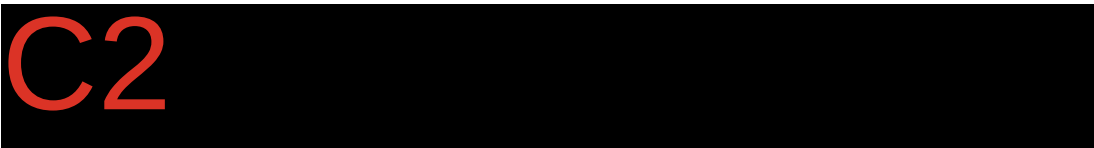
1. In an emergency, staff shall make decisions according to the following priorities, in order of importance:
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2. The Primary Transport Officer shall:
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3. The Secondary Transport Officer shall, when present:



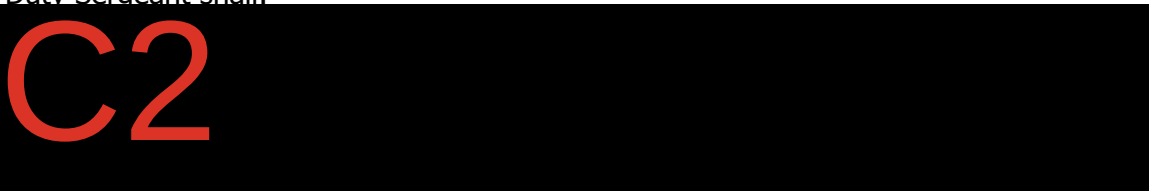
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4. Central Control Officer's shall:



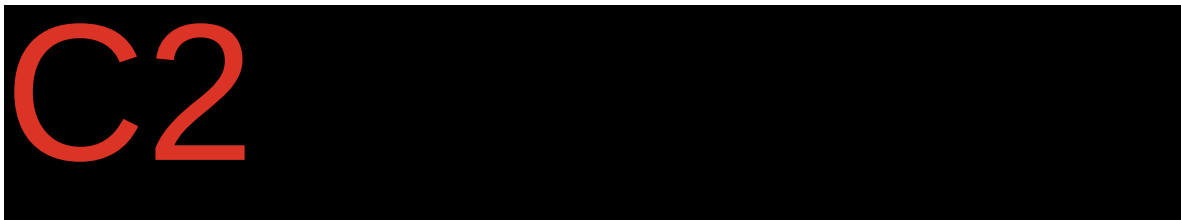
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5. Duty Sergeant shall:



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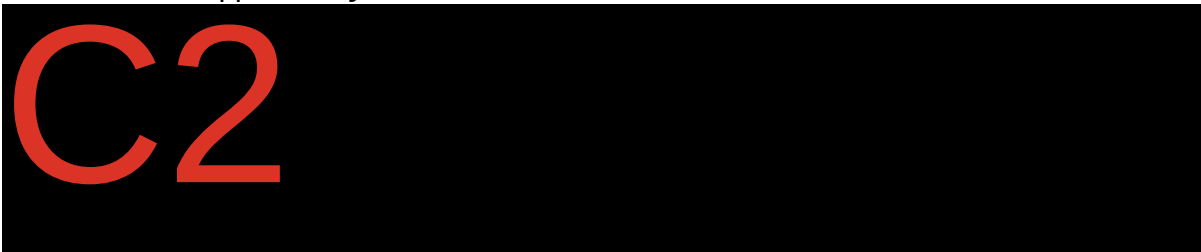
6. Shift Commander shall:



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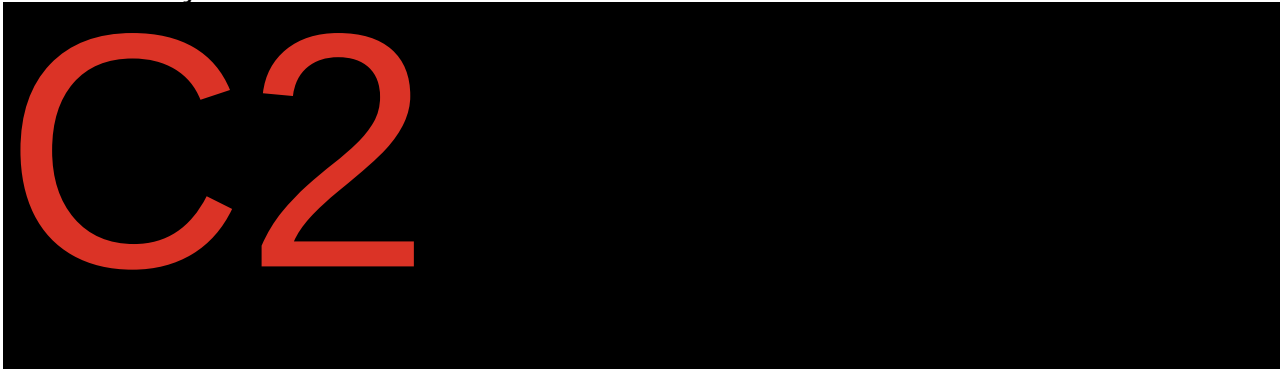
D. Transport Vehicle Involved in Collision

1. If there are no apparent injuries:



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2. If there are injuries:



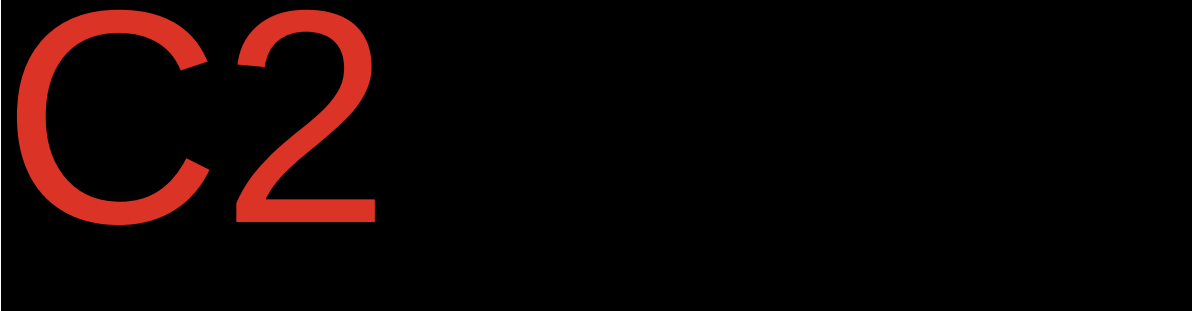
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3. Request the response of the local police agency to the location.
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5. Render first aid, if reasonably possible, balancing the primary duty of supervision of the inmate(s).
6. Cooperate with responding police personnel.
7. Obtain copies of any reports to be filed and/or case numbers assigned to the collision.
8. Upon return to the facility, have the transported inmates evaluated by Jail Health Services (JHS) in ITR.
9. Before the end of shift, complete and submit all required documentation through the chain of command to include:
 - 1) King County Accident Packet including WSP Vehicle Collision Report (if available) and notice to involved parties and witness information.
 - 2) An Officer's Report detailing the incident and any injuries and/or damage (copy to VMO).

E. Lights and Sirens

1. Lights and sirens shall be activated only when necessary.
2. The use of lights and sirens is authorized:

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